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## Fire Island National Seashore News Release

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Fire Island National Seashore Facilities Update for Memorial Day Weekend

Sailors Haven Marina Remains Closed for Repairs

Patchogue, NY—Fire Island National Seashore's park superintendent, Mike Reynolds, announced today that the Sailors Haven Marina is still closed for repairs. "For visitors' safety, the opening of the Sailors Haven Marina has been delayed this season due to construction," stated Reynolds. "No boat slips are expected to be available until mid-June, at the earliest."

However, the Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest Ferry from Sayville is operating on its Spring schedule; the snack bar, gift shop and visitor center are open; and restrooms and showers are operating. Both picnic areas are closed due to the marina construction. Private boats may anchor off-shore, but vessels are not permitted inside the marina during the construction process. Free ranger-guided Sunken Forest Tours are offered at 11:00 a.m. on weekends. The full summer schedule of activities begins on July 1.

The Watch Hill Marina is fully operational for the season, and Fire Island Concessions has implemented a limited reservation policy for some of the slips. Their new web page is up and running, and has full information on their reservation and waiting list policy. (See <a href="https://www.watchhillfi.com">www.watchhillfi.com</a>) The Watch Hill Campground is full for the holiday weekend and for many other weekends, but the reservation request form is available on-line for future visits.

A new exhibit, "Scribblers and Scriveners," will be unveiled this weekend at the <u>William Floyd</u> <u>Estate</u>., and the <u>Fire Island Lighthouse</u> celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lighting of the Fire Island Light.

For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's web site at <a href="https://www.nps.gov/fiis">www.nps.gov/fiis</a>.

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